THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LONGEST PREVIOUS SESSION OUT-DONE BY THIS ONE.

Crimes and Punishments Discussed-Im-Fight-Homes for Incurables-Voting Hartford, July 1.-Both branches of

ternon at 12:30, thus beating the record of the longest previous session of the Connecticut legislature. When the rising vote on which the majority was louse convened there were fewer members in their seats than at any previous day of this session. The actual number was fifty-four representatives. As the afternoon wore on a few more nembers dropped into their seats, but he attendance was small all day.

In the house the bill concerning foreign attachment was taken up and explained. An amendment was filed inserting after the word board, "or against any claim for necessaries fur- be tabled, and the house so ordered. nished the defendant."

Mr. Judson said the committee was opposed to the amendment. The bill was then tabled. Seven more bills were called, but in the absence of members who had previously tabled them, they vere again tabled. That exhausted the business ready for action on the calendar and Speaker Fessenden remarked 'Everything is on the table," which announcement was greeted with laugh- bill preventing the establishment of

CONCERNING CRIMES AND PUN-ISHMENTS.

Mr. Newton of New Haven then called up the bill concerning crimes and punshments. He explained that it prevented the marriage of epileptics, imbeciles, feeble minded persons, or paupers. The bill then passed. The bill is as follows:

Section 1-No man and woman, either of whom was born deaf or blind, or is epileptic, imbecile, or feeble-minded, shall intermarry, or live together as husband and wife, when the woman is under forty-five years of age; any person violating or attempting to violate any of the provisions of this section shall be imprisoned in the state prison not less than three years.

Section 2-Any selectman or any other person who shall advise, aid, abet, cause, or assist in procuring, or counenance any violation of section one of this act, or the marriage of any pauper when the woman in such marriage is under forty-five years of age, shall be clary committee providing that towns ined not less than one thousand dol- may use the McTammany machine. ars or imprisoned not less than one

year or both. Section 3—Every man who shall carnally know any female under the age been urged to adopt other machines. of forty-five years who was born blind They accordingly recommended peror deaf, who is an epileptic, imbecile, eeble-minded, or a pauper, shall be machine, and it was so voted. mprisoned in the state prison not less than three years or for life. Every nan born blind or deaf or who is epileptic who shall carnally know any febe carnally known by any man born the oath of office. olind or deaf, or who is epileptic, imbecile, or feeble-minded, shall be im-

IMPORTANT RAILROAD BILL KILL ED.

The bill concerning the compensation of the railroad commissioners, and relating to the improvements in Bridgeport, was called up by Mr. Keller of poned in the senate. It provides that 3ridgeport. Mr. Keller offered an towns shall support the children thus amendment providing these words:
'In equal proportion by the Consolidated road and the city of Bridgeport." On motion of Mr. Fairchild of Trum-

bull the bill was then rejected. Later in the afternoon Mr. Hull o Monroe moved a reconsideration of the bill. Mr. Hull said he was in charge of the bill in the absence of the chair man of the committee, but he was tem-porarily absent when the vote was The bill was reconsidered and Mr. Hull wanted to table, but the mo-

Mr. Hull then explained the bill. H. said the railroad commission was constituted a special commission in the natter of the Bridgeport improvement in removing the grade crossings. This work would take a great deal of the time of the members and unless this bill passed they would receive no compensation. The work in Bridgeport would be enormous and it was only fair that these gentlement should be proper y compensated. It was wrong to employ these gentlemen without some compensation. In all this enormous expense of improvements, the Consolidated road would have to pay by far th largest amount. The committee had chought that this work could be better performed by these commissioners, who by their experience were better equip ped than any others in the state to do

this special work.

Mr. Fairchild said the commissioner were paid for just this kind of work and should not be paid extra Mr. Middleton opposed the bill.

"This is partially a private matter—a matter between the Consolidated road and the city of Bridgeport. The compensation is not fixed, but will be fixed in proportion to the amount of work

The bill was again rejected.

ANOTHER RAILROAD BILL. The bill amending the charter of the Montville Horse Railroad company un favorably reported by the committee, but passed in the senate, was discussed in the house to-day. It gives the rail- 6; Nathan A. Daniels, non support, conroad the right to carry freight and other privileges. The bill has been opposed by the New London and Northern railbecome a competing line. The bill was tabled, but later it was reconsidered. Mr. Hull of Mouroe spoke in favor of the report and against the bill.

Mr. Clark of Haddam said the bill should pass. It was also favored by Mr. Warner of Putnam. The propose line ran through a pretty well unsettled portion of New London county and did not run within three and one-half rnlies of any railroad and it would effect fourned until next Monday. But one the steam railroad little. It would afford electric car facilities for some 60,- Reagan, charged with non support, in

It was further explained that the bill

at grade, and the bill passed in con- case in support of the will.

SHELL FISH COMMISSION FIGHT This afternoon in the senate there was a resumption of the fight over the shell fish commission bill, which passed portant Railroad Bill Killed-Another both houses, giving the commission Railroad Bill-Shell Fish Commission power to appoint its clerks and also power to appoint its clerks and also act as successors of oyster land dam-Machines-New Commissioners Qualify. ages and benefits. The house had voted to recall the bill with the purpose the general assembly came in this af- of defeating it, and appointed a committee to recall it from the secretary' office. It was on this vote that the senate acted to-day, and refused, on a large, to concur with the house, The resolution was afterward consid-

Representative Newton of New Haven said he hoped the members would not indefinitely postpone. He referred to Mr. Botsford, who had not been renominated by the governor for clerk, and as has heretofore been said, believed that when the senate bill was The names of the fail pris passed in the house not over half a dozabout. It was bad legislation, and the follow: bill should be recalled.

Mr. Lounsbury moved that the bill Later in the day in the senate Senator Chapham introduced a bill, which wass passed, providing that any oysterman not satisfied with the assessment of lands made by the oyster commission could be appealed to the superior court. The bill was immediately transferred Daniel Early, murder in the first de-

HOMES FOR INCURABLES.

A motion was made to recall the any institution of incurables under cer tain conditions. Last week the bill was rejected.

Referring to the bill to-day Judge Cowell said it had been called "an act to limit the operation of Christianity by the Connecticut legislature."

The motion was opposed by Mr. Cowell of Waterbury, who said such a measure would be unconstitutional. The bill to reconsider passed the senate. Mr. Williams wanted a substitute

bill providing that no such home should be established in any town unless consent is obtained of the selectmen, nor within 500 feet of a residence. The bill originated because of the establishment of such an institution to which objection had been made in the town of Wethersfield. The house concurred in recalling the bill, but it was afterward

THE VOTING MACHINES.

In the senate the bill concerning the use of voting machines was considered. It is a favorable report from the judi-Senator Warner explained that since the bill was passed allowing the use of the Myers machine the committee had mission also to use the McTammany ARE NOW COMMISSIONERS.

Hon. Herbert E. Benton, the newly appointed commissioner of the school fund, assumed the duries of his office male under the age of forty-five years, this morning, the appointment having and every female under the age of been approved by Governor Coffin. Mr. forty-five years who shall consent to Benton presented his bond and took

Frederick A. Betts, the newly appointed insurance commissioner, ar prisoned in the state prison not less rived on the 2:05 train this afternoon and qualified.

SENATE.

The bill concerning the support of children in temporary homes was passed in the house and indefinitely post-

ed on the indefinite postponement. The senate passed a resolution recalling a bill previously passed for establishing a state reformatory. The matter was also discussed in the house but was finally tabled.

The senate unanimously voted against the bill giving women the right to vote at municipal elections.

The house passed the act last Friday This practically kills the proposed law. The bill repealing the present law allowing women to vote in school elections was also rejected.

A bill repealing the collateral inheritance tax and a bill containing important provisions concerning the tax was passed.

THE HOUSE.

An amendment to the bill concerning foreign attachments, which inserted the words, "or for any claim for neces furnished defendant," was tabled.

Bill concerning milk inspectors was

COURT RECORD.

City Court-Criminal Side-Judge Cable. John Coleman, vagrancy, continued until July 8; George Tatro, breach of the peace, discharged; Thomas Murray. breach of the peace, \$10 fine, \$5.89 costs; Timothy Rooney, breach of the peace, discharged; Timothy Sullivan, breach of Mr. Hull in closing the debate said: the peace, \$10 fine, \$5.89 costs; Patrick Beatty, breach of the peace, \$10 fine, \$5.89 costs; Samuel Halpert, breach of the peace, judgment suspended; Ed-ward De Mund, breach of the peace, nolled on payment of \$7.06 costs; Henry H. Freeman, breach of the peace, \$5 fine, \$7.06 costs; Harry H. Botsford, breach of the peace, \$2 fine, \$6.52 costs; Andrew Dwyer, breach of the peace \$10 fine, \$7.06 costs, drunk, nolle; John A. McKee and George B. Hoey, selling obscene literature, continued until July tinued until July 6; Angelo De Meo, breach of the peace, discharged; capias, excused, theft, (two cases), \$14 fine, road on the ground that the road will \$21.12 costs; Grace Leary, lascivious carriage, \$1 fine, \$5.42 costs; John Mc-Andrew, arson, continued until July 6; John J. Maroney, breach of the peace,

\$20 fine, \$12.06 costs. Court Notes

The July term of the common pleas court, criminal side, came in yesterday and after a very brief session adjourned until next Monday. But one which a nolle was entered.

The arguments in the Isbell will conwas passed in the senate 18 to 2. The test were made yesterday in the probill extended the time for completing bate court. Attorney Wolfe, represent-the road two years. It will afford street ing the beneficiaries under the will railroad facilities between New London made the opening arguments and he was followed by Attorneys Arvine and New Mexico and Arizona, arriving in An amendment was put in that the Russell for the contestant, George A. southern California late in November,

road should not cross any steam road Isbell. Attorney Wolfe will close the

The Winchester Repeating Arms company have brought suit against the Mariin Fire Arms company for infringement of a patent in the manufacture of the latter's guns. The case is returnable to the United States court. Ex-Governor Ingersoll is counsel for the Winchester company.

M. Frank was garnisheed yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Koon in a suit brought by Edward P. Brett against Mrs. E. Louis Beecher to recover \$200.

Superior Court-Criminal Side-Judge

Robinson. The criminal July term of the su perior court will begin to-day with Judge Silas A. Robinson of Middletown on the bench. There are as usual several prisoners to be tried before it, including three New Haven murderers,

The names of the jail prisoners to be brought before the court, their

New Haven-Frederick Root, burglary; Henry S. McKenzie, burglary; Hugh H. McCabe, burglary; Frank H. Reynolds, theft from the person; Charles F. Clark, theft; John M. Moran, burglary; William R. Donegan, burglary; Charles E. Osborn, burglary Eugene Oliver, burglary; John Hinchy burglary; Charles Latham, burglary gree; Richard Sturgis, theft; Luigi Di Capria, murder in the first degree; Lorenzo Caruso, murder in the first degree; William H. Figgles, bigamy.

North Haven-Michael O'Donnell, obstructing rallroad track; Walter L. Sone, same; Ford H. Root, same; Lucas W. Potter, burglary in daytime. Meriden-Frederick Wilson, burglary n the night; Charles Corbin, theft; William Shepard, theft.

Milford-Ernest S. Miles, threatened assault; Joseph Adams, assault with intent to kill. Seymour-James H. Thompson, horse

stealing. Guilford-Walter H. Fowler, stealing Dr. J. Edward Lee, charged with

criminal malpractice, will not be again ried this term, it is said. He is at liberty under \$10,000 bonds.

Miss Clara E. Trowbridge.

Miss Clara E. Trowbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Trowbridge who was well known in this city, died of typhold fever at Litchfield last Friday evening after an illness of two weeks. The funeral took place at Litchfield last Sunday afternoon and was attended by large numbers of friends and relatives, who mourn her loss. The which she was held throughout the community. There was a perfect profusion of beautiful flowers. She was connected with the Litchfield Congregational church, where she was always prominent in church work. Rev. Mr. Seynour, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church, officiated at the funeral. The service was both beautiful and impressive, and words of comfort and consola-

tion were spoken by the clergyman. The character and daily life of Miss Trowbridge were such as to endear her to all who knew her, and to make her loss one that will be felt throughout the ommunity in which she was known and loved so well.

Many New Haven People.

house, Westfield, near Meriden, are President Wilcox and family of the Meriden Brittania company, D. P. Wilcox and family of Meriden and George P. North and family of this city.

Mr. Philip, with the firm of Clerkin & McDonald, left yesterday on a two weeks' vacation, which is to be spent in Litchfield.

Miss Eva Seward, daughter of Frank Seward, salled on Saturday on the steamship City of Rome for Europe With her went Miss Dana of California, who has been spending the past winter n town with Miss Harriet Marsh.

Harry Heaton is among the latest arrivals at the Bryn Mawr, Bryn Mawr,

Miss Harriet P. Marsh will go to Bos. ton this week to attend the convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor and will spend the summer in Canada President Ell Whitney, jr., of the New Haven Water company, and family will occupy their pretty Robbins cottage in Norfolk, Conn., for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Whitney will go to Sharon, Conn., for the summer about

the latter part of July. Charles W. Scranton, the broker, and family are to spend the summer in Mad-

Mrs. George W. Lewis of Dwight street will leave to-day with her children and servants for her summer cot-

tage at Madison, Conn. Mrs. Arthur Royce is the guest of Mrs. Frank Thompson of Whalley ave-

H. S. Dailey and family are summering at "Eagle's Cottage," Indian Neck Mr. James Baker has returned from

trip to Ontario, Canada. John J. McCarthy is to give a lawr party at his residence, 520 Congress Dr. A. L. Talmadge will spend the

first two weeks of July with his family, who are summering at Nantasket. T. O. Perry of Wolcott street left Saturday for Port Maitland, Nova Scotia, where he expects to spend the summer. The Rev. Mr. Collier of East Hampton and Mr. Armstrong of Yale sailed for Europe Wednesday. They will be gone about two months, and will visit all the principal cities on their bicy-

Mrs. W. W. Cameron of the Aldrich house is dangerously ill with inflammation of the bowels.

Mrs. H. R. Mathison, teacher in the Fair street school, will spend part of her vacation at North Guilford.

W. G. Tunstall, who for several years was connected with the New Haven newspapers, is in this city en route to California on a wheel. He will make the southern section of the country his route, and attend the Atlanta exposition; from thence to New Orleans, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, through

IN MEMORIAM.

The Late Professor Daniel C. Enton. The following sketch of the career of the late Professor Daniel Cady Eaton of this city, and tribute to his memory, were given in last evening's New York

Daniel Cady Eaton, professor of botany at Yale college, died at his home in New Haven on Saturday. He had been very ill for many months and had done no work in connection with the college since last Christmas.

In the advancement of American botany perhaps no name, except Asa Gray, has been more widely known than that Rensselaer institute at Troy, N. Y., who during the early decades of this century may be said in a popular sense to have blazed the way as a ploneer in the classification of the flora of the United States. Three of his children inherited his scientific tastes. A daughter, Sara C., became a teacher of natural sciences in a seminary at Monticello, O.; a son, who died very young, had already be come a professor of chemistry in Transylvania university; and another son, Amos B., who went into the army, took part in the Seminole and Mexican wars. was breveted major after Buena Vista, and rose to be brigadier general, had strong proclivities in the direction of science. General Eaton married Eliza-beth Selden, a relative of Henry R. Selden of Rochester, N. Y., and their son, Daniel C. Eaton, the subject of this sketch, was born at Fort Gratiot, Mich., September 12, 1834. Thus through two generations Professor Eaton drew that love of scientific research which was to shape his life-work.

He prepared for college somewhat maturely and entered Yale in 1853 with the class of 1857, which numbered among its members Professor Eli Whitney Blake of Brown university, Professor David Stuart Dodge of the Syrian Protestant college, President Cyrus Northrup of the University of Minnesota, Professor Moses Colt Tyler of Cornell, President Strong of Rochester Theological seminary, Professor DeForest of Talladega college, and Professor Lovewell of Washburn college. His name does not appear in the list of college honors, but year before graduation he had contributed to the American Journal of Science a short paper on "Three New Ferns from California and Oregon." Immediately after graduation in 1857, as a member of the Lawrence Scientific school at Harvard, he began the study of botwhom he formed a warm intimacy, which continued until the latter's death. He worked under Professor Gray for three years, and received in 1860 the degree of bachelor of science from Harvard, when the outbreak of the civil war interrupted his academic labors. His name appears on the Yale "roll of hon floral tributes showed the esteem in or" as private in the Seventh New York regiment, and for several years he served in the United States commissary de partment as inspector of stores at New York city. In 1864 he was elected professor of botany at Yale, on one of the university foundations, and moved to New Haven, where he had held his professorship, with duties chiefly in the Sheffield Scientific school, for almost

thirty-one years. The study of American botany, which under the grandfather, had been generalized and almost rudimentary, had already, in common with other natural sciences, begun to tend towards specialziation when the grandson began his formal life-work. Forecasting the ture subdivisions of the large field, the pupil of Professor Gray had evidently chosen as his specialty the cryptogamia and as sub-specialties ferns, mosses and The Summer Outlings and Journeyings of algae. Before he became professor he and of eastern Cuba, and in Chapman' "Flora of the Southern United States" had contributed a chapter on "Filices. His next important published work was his "Ferns," in the fifth edition of the "Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States," by Professor Gray printed in 1867, followed the year after "Acrogens" in "Gray's Botany of the Field, Forest and Garden." There could be enumerated here about sixty of his printed papers, most of them brief and referring to ferns, mosses and algae, but with an occasional dip into popular bot-

Chocolate; their Nature and their Ef fects," printed the former in 1882, the latter in 1884, besides his botanical definitions in Webster's International Dictionary, and an excursion now and then into genealogy, of which he was ex tremely fond. But his great and distinctive addition to his chosen science was his "Ferns (including the Ophio glossaceae) of the United States of America and British North American Possessions," published in 1879-'80, and dedicated to his old instructor, Professor Gray.

This work, at once the summary an

plants, exacting most acute discrimination and ekilful use of the microscope, is an edition de lux of two volumes containing 637 pages and \$1 colored plates beautifully executed from drawings of actual specimens by J. H. Emerton and C. E. Faxon. At the time of its publication there had been a gap of some sixty years since the appearance of Nuttall's genera of North American plants, and the number of recognized American ferns had risen from 70 to al most 150. The plan is that of the Fi lices Exoticoe of Hooker, but Prof. Eaton gives the definitions in English in addition to Latin, and the author further popularizes the volumes by sketching a history of the ferns and explaining their method of cultivation. In the ferns which Prof. Eaton pictures and describes twelve appear as new species bearing his name. These new ferns are the Chellanthes Cooperae (Mrs. Cooper's lip fern), Aspidium Nevadense (Sierra shield fern), Cheilanthes Clevelandii (Cleveland's lip fern), Notholaena Newberry's (Newberry's Notholaena), Pellaea Breweri (Brewer's cliff brake), Aspidium Rigidum (Rigid wood fern), Notholaena Hookeri (Hooker's Notholaena), Asplenium Bradley (Bradley's spleenwort), Aspidium Flo ridanum (Florida wood fern), Woodsia Oregana (Oregon Woodsla), Woodsla Scopulina (Rocky Mountain Woodsia), and Chellanthes Gracillima (lace fern). The author in the course of his intro duction pens two sentences which hint the nature and limitation of his own work as a botanist. "Little is said about the physiology of ferns. It is a separate branch of botanical study, and persons wishing to pursue it can find excellent works suited to their purpose." The two quoted sentances indicate the fact of Prof. Eaton's pretty close confine ment to systematic and structural botany. One result of it was, perhaps, to give a somewhat technical cast to any under Professor Asa Gray, with his instruction in the class room, but he drew to his private herbarium (prob ably the best of the kind in the country, and perhaps the world) many spec ial students, and it became a towards which botanical inquiries pour ed from all parts of the world.

Prof. Eaton had served as secretary of his class, as governor of the Connecticut Society of the Colonial Wars and as an officer of several genealogical organizations.

An ardent enthusiast in his chosen science, ever ready to aid those seeking its lights, Prof. Eaton owned as a natal gift a most graceful and winsome per sonality. He was singularly but unobstrusively helpful in every social relation, generous and tender in his charities, always eager with some self-sac rificing act of neighborly kindness. He took keen interest in the politics of city, state and nation. Up to the year 1884 he had been a steadfast republican but in that year, when so many of the Yale faculty resented the nomination of Blaine, he joined the local organiza tion of independent republicans, con tributed money and work to aid Mr. Cleveland's election, and had ever since been an independent in political had published papers on ferns of Japan action. He loved intensely the outdoor sports, and a few years ago, when archery was revived for a while, he bow. He married, February 13, 1866 Caroline, daughter of Tredwell Ketch am of New Haven. She and two children, a daughter and a son, who was graduated in the class of 1894 at Yale, survive him.

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